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SUBJECT: P.L. EXTRANCHECK: A234174

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1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY INQUIRY, MR. KIMURA, MANAGING DIR OF SANKO INTL CORP (SIC), TAKANAAWA TOEI BLDG., NO. 11-35, TAKANAWA 4-CHOME, MINATO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN, STATED FOLLOWING: (A) 50,000 AMI MICROCIRCUITS UNDER INVESTIGATION WILL BE IMPORTED BY SIC DIRECTLY FROM AMERICAN MICROSYSTEMS INC., CALIF., AND INCORPORATED INTO 50,000 ELECTRIC CLOCKS AT PURAKO CO., LTD., WHICH IS SIC'S SUBCONTRACT ASSEMBLER LOCATED AT NO. 2025-6, HARAGO, FUKAYA CITY, SAITAMA PREF., JAPAN; (B) THE CLOCKS WILL BE SHIPPED BY SIC TO TAIHAN ELECTRIC WIRE CO., LTD. (TEWC), A KOREAN MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT HEADQUARTERED AT NO. 84-18, 5 KA, NAMDAIMOON-RO, CHUNG-KU, SEOUL, AND WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO RADIO RECEIVERS AT TEWC'S BUPYONG PLANT LOCATED AT NO. 316-3, HYMSUNG-DONG, PUK-KU, INCHON; AND (C) 50,000 COMPLETE RADIO RECEIVERS WILL BE SHIPPED BY TEWC DIRECT-LY TO TOSHIBA AMERICA INC., OF NEW YORK AS WELL AS AMERICAN DEPARTMENT STORES AND DISTRIBUTORS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN THE U.S. UNDER INSTRUCTION OF HEAD OFFICE OF TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO., LTD. (TOSHIBA), TOSHIBA BLDG., NO. 2-1, GINZA 5-CHOME, CHUO-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN.

2. MRR. SAKUMA, OVERSEAS PROCUREMENT DEPT OF TOSHIBA HEAD OFFICE CONFIRMED SIC'S ABOVE STATEMENT AND STATED THAA WHOLE TRANSACTION DESCRIBED IN PARA-1 ABOVE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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BASED ON LETTERS OF CREDIT RECEIVED BY HIS OFFICE FROM

TOSHIBA AMERICA AND OTHER AMERICAN ORDERERS AND THAT SIC'S SHIPMENT OF SUBJECT CLOCKS TO TEWC IS TO BE MADE UNDER L/C OPENED BY TEWC WHICH RECEIVED ORDER FROM TOSHIBA HEAD OFFICE.

3. EMBASSY INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT SIC, ESTABLISHED IN MAY 1974 AND CAPITALIZED AT FOUR MILLION YEN, IS A TRADING FIRM ENNAGING IN EXPORT OF AUDIO EQUIPMENT AND ELECTRIC PARTS AND IMPORT OF ELECTRONIC APPARATUS AND PARTS. SEE TOKYO 4394 (3/25/76) FOR WTDR ON TOSHIBA, A LEADING MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRIC AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN JAPAN.

4. RECOMMEND ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSE TO AMI. HODGSON

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